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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 71

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1. REFTEL PARA 1. ABSENCE OF LTBT COMPLIANCE PROVISION FROM SOVIET TEXT WAS MENTIONED TO SOVIET SIDE IN WORKING GROUP I MEETING OCTOBER 23. TIMERBAEV MADE NOMINAL RESPONSE ABOUT SUCH A PROVISION BEING UNNECESSARY BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN EARLIER ROUNDS BOTH SIDES SAID PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD CLEARLY STATE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH LTBT. HE SAID US PROVISION WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF CURRENT EFFORT BY SOVIET SIDE TO PREPARE NEW DRAFT OF THEIR ARTICLE II.

2. REF TEL PARA 2. SOVIETS HAVE NOT RETURNED TO PROPOSAL OF BEZUMOV TO AMEND US TEXT TO RESTRICT ACCESS ALONG AGREED UPON ROUTES WITHIN 10 KILOMETER RADIUS AND HAVE RESISTED OUR EFFORTS TO HAVE THEM ENTER INTO SUCH DETAILED DISCUSSION OF US TEXT. THEY HAVE SIMPLY INSISTED THAT ACCESS BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AT SITE MUST DEPEND ON AGREEMENT WITH PARTY CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION, AS STATED IN THEIR DRAFT PROTOCOL.

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3. REFTEL PARA 3. WORDS "TO CONTINUE" WILL BE DELETED FROM

DRAFT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNE TIME. INITIAL OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO GET AGREEMENT ON INCLUDING SUBSTANCE OF ENTIRE US ARTICLE I IN OPERATIVE ARTICLE VERSUS SOVIET DESIRE TO LIMIT THIS TIE TO TTBT TO PREAMBLE. AT THIS TIME, TEXT OF PREAMBLE PARAGRAPH IS ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE OPEN FOR ALTERATION PENDING REVIEW BY RESPECTIVE LEGAL EXPERTS. TIMERBAEV SAYS HIS LEGAL PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO AMEND TO READ: "REAFFIRMING THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE AND EXPRESSING THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO OBSERVE STRICTLY THE PROVISIONS OF THESE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS". PLEASE ADVISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 29, IF THUS MOVING "PROVISIONS" ACCEPTABLE.

4. REFTTEL PARA 5. DELEGATION REPLY SEPTTEL.

5. REFERENCE MOSCOW 14877, MOSCOW 14960 AND MOSCOW 15079. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE (BY OCTOBER 29, IF POSSIBLE) OF LEGAL EXPERTS ON PROPER APPROACH TO BRACKETED JOINT PROTOCOL TEXT JOINING SOVIET PROTOCOL ARTICLE VII WITH CORRESPONDING PORTIONS OF US PROTOCOL I.
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